

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Bruno BERGE
Title: DROP CENTERING DEVICE
Appl. No.: 09/937,508
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Examiner: Darryl J. Collins
Art Unit: 2873
Conf. No. 2187

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

- ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on ____.
- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on ____, but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____.

b. Enclosed are:

- ☒ [X] Amendment/Reply.
- ☒ [X] Petition to Withdraw Application From Issue.
- ☒ [X] Executed Assignment and Assignment Recordation Coversheet (PTO-1595)
(separate check for \$40.00 included).
- ☒ [X] Power of Attorney.

Miscellaneous:

- ☒ [X] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37
C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	33	- 20	= 13	x \$18.00	= \$234.00
Independents	8	- 4	= 4	x \$86.00	= \$344.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$290.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$1348.00

- ☐ [] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the
total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -			\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$0.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1348.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$130.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Petition to Withdraw from Issue Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)		\$130.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$1608.00

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$1608.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

☒ A check in the amount of \$40.00 to cover the Assignment Recordation fee is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date April 1, 2004

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